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AMENDMENT Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.